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Honorable Richard M. Nixon
The Vice President
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Dear Dick:

[George L. Valdes] (u)

I thought you would be interested in the following summary of information concerning a plot by Cuban agents to kidnap Rolando Masferrer, prominent anti-Castro exile in Miami, and transport him to Cuba, culminating in the arrest of George Valdes and Juan Fernandez de Castro Rodriguez by our Miami Office on January 27, 1960. (u)

Information concerning this scheme was originally reported on January 26, 1960, by Mrs. Catherine Taaffe of New York City who has volunteered considerable data in the past concerning Latin-American matters. Taaffe advised that she was present at a meeting held several weeks ago in the office of Raul Castro, chief of the Cuban Armed Forces, during which three Cuban officials, including George Valdes, discussed a plan to kidnap Masferrer, deliver him to Cuba where he would be killed and thereafter arrange to have Masferrer's body discovered on an island in the Bahamas under circumstances which would make it appear that the United States and Great Britain were supporting anti-Castro forces. According to Taaffe, the abduction of Masferrer would be effected by bribing a Miami police officer to place him under arrest and thereafter deliver him to Cuban agents. (u)

On January 27, 1960, Mrs. Taaffe advised that Valdes had arrived in Miami in furtherance of this scheme and that she had agreed to put him in touch with a local police officer. Subsequently, arrangements were made for an agent of our Miami Office to contact Valdes posing as a local deputy sheriff. Our agent met with Valdes on the evening of January 27, 1960, in Miami and discussed this scheme with Valdes and Juan Fernandez de Castro, who identified himself as a representative of the Cuban National Police. During this meeting, the subjects agreed to pay

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